

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1170  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2018**

**Inadequate Transportation Facilities**

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production of coal in the country is being affected due to inadequate transportation facilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total quantum of coal which could not be transported to the destination due to lack of transportation facilities during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) the details of the projects affected so far; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for providing adequate infrastructural facilities for the transportation of coal in the country?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COAL, FINANCE & CORPORATE AFFAIRS  
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a) & (b):** Transport facility is not a constraint on coal production. There was an increase of 105 MT in production between 2013-14 and 2017-18 compared to an increase of only 31.15 MT in the preceding five years between 2009-10 to 2013-14. However, there are a few mines in Mahandi Coalfields Limited (MCL), Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) and South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) which are unable to operate at optimal capacity due to coal evacuation constraint.

**(c):** The offtake of Coal India Limited (CIL) has increased from 534.20 MT in 2015-16 to 581.5 MT during 2017-18. The increase in offtake of CIL between 2013-14 and 2017-18 is 109.12 MT as compared to an increase of 55.04 MT between 2009-10 to 2013-14. Annual average rakes provided by Railways to CIL for transportation of coal has increased from 212.8 (rakes/day) in 2015-16 to 229.2 (rakes/day) in 2017-18. Transportation by other modes (MGR, Belt and Rope) by CIL have also increased from 105.52 MT in 2015-16 to 110.22 MT in 2017-18. Therefore, there is adequate transportation facility to transport coal to the destination.

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**(d):** The Projects affected due to transport constraint are Kulda and Basundhara (West) Extension of MCL in Odisha, Magadh and Amrapali of CCL in Jharkhand and Chhal and Baroud of SECL in Chhatisgarh.

**(e):** The following railway infrastructure facility projects have been taken up for improving coal evacuation in Chattishgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha:

1. **Tori - Shivpur – Kathotia New BG Line (Total length 93.45 Km) in Jharkhand :** Tori-Balumath Rail line section has been inaugurated on 09.03.2018 and currently coal dispatch is going on. Remaining work beyond Balumath is under progress.
2. **Mahanadi Coal Railway Limited (MCRL) PROJECTS:** The project consists primarily of 3 components: Angul – Balaram (12.9km), Balaram-Putagadia and Jarapada-Putagadia-Tentuloi ( 55 Km ) in Odisha.
3. **Chhattisgarh East Railway Ltd. (CERL) (Length: 132 Km) :** Bhupdeopur-Gharghoda-Dharamjaigarh up to Korba with a spur from Gharghora to Donga Mahua in Chhatisgarh.
4. **Chhattisgarh East-West Railway Ltd. (CEWRL) (Length : 135 Km) :** Gevra Road to Pendra Road via Dipka, Katghora, Sendurgarh, Pasan in Chhatisgarh.

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